

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A resilient, replaceable collar made from an elastomeric material that temporarily protects roadway structures, such as manholes, catch basins and utility access conduits, from damage caused by vehicular traffic when the roadway structure is exposed above the roadway pavement, such as when a layer of the roadway pavement is stripped from the roadway surface. The collar has an opening sized to accommodate the roadway structure it protects and sloped side walls that slope from the top surface of the roadway structure down towards the roadway pavement to provide a smooth transition for vehicular traffic traveling along the roadway and over the roadway structure. The resilient, replaceable collar further provides a low cost means for protecting the roadway structures from vehicular traffic and vice versa that may be easily installed with limited manpower and without the need for additional equipment.

004740" 20064560  
09549002 .04.1400